



VIOLETTE FAMILY ASSOCIATION

Certainly you were not thinking that there was a loss of interest in the Violette Family Association. My neglect was merely temporary as other commitments and projects at home caused me to delay this newsletter. Much thought was given to the Association, however, I did have to put first things first.

The greatest news at this time is the announcement of the next reunion. As you already know, it will be held in Van Buren, Maine, the cradle of our Violette heritage. The date is August 1 and 2, 1981. Because of the geographical location, we will certainly be able to keep busy for two days. The last page of this newsletter is also being sent to 200 or so in the Violette lineage who do not yet belong to the Association. As that letter states, more details on the reunion will be given at a later date.

I have just returned from Salt Lake City, Utah, after attending a four day genealogical conference. What an experience that was! However, these people have nothing on the Violette Family. I attended a seminar concerning a Family Reunion which, incidently, was very successful--25 people attended that particular family reunion. Another important seminar was "How to Become a Non-Profit Organization". We have already taken care of that aspect. What did stay with me after it was all over was to remain hopeful and try to persevere in our two projects that we have begun, namely, the completion of the family form that you received quite a few months ago and the making of a Violette Family Association Album. Many of you have sent a picture of yourself but many more have not yet done so. Try to take the time to fill in your form and send your picture. These two items will mean so much to our descendants twenty, thirty or forty years from now.

It is with very much sadness that I report to you the death of another of our members. Richard Bradbury #206 passed away last May in Salem, Ma. Richard was a member of our Association right from its inception. He also attended both reunions. Our deepest sympathy to his wife, Ester Violette Bradbury #205.

I have been asked to help a particular person trace his or her roots back to Francois. Because of his or her illegitimate birth, we are having a difficult time. We have decided to ask the membership for help. Because of circumstances, we can give you very little information. This person was born in Portland, Maine in 1922, was never adopted. He or she went from foster home to foster home. The mother was born in the Northern part of Maine. The reason for the search is solely to obtain a feeling of belonging to our large family of Violettes. This person belongs to our Association and reads anything and everything concerning Maine. Should any of you feel that you could be of some help, in any way at all, please write to me, Rita Violette Lippe, 32 Louise Ave., Methuen, Ma. 01844. This person would be so grateful should the link to our family be made before the reunion.

Did most of you people from the Maine area see Maurice Violette #14 and a few other members on TV back in April? It seems that they were interviewed for five minutes or so on the Violette Family and the 1979 reunion. Thanks to Maurice, we are receiving quite a bit of publicity.

We see that Dr. Roger Violette #53 has again made the Fall River newspaper a short time ago. It seems that Dr. Violette is one of those rare breed of doctors who continues to make house calls. Wouldn't we all love to have him in our community.

A little more genealogical information about our ancestor Charles Violet has been found recently. Charles as you know was the father of Francois. Charles returned to France with his second wife Marie Sudois, leaving Francois behind. It has now been found in France that after the death of Marie Sudois, Charles remarried. His third wife was Catherine Ytier and the marriage took place on the 13th of April, 1761 at St. Louis de Rochefort Sur-Mer, France. At the present time, our biggest problem is still to learn the names of Louis Violet's parents. Louis of course was the father of Charles. Who knows, once this information is found, we may be able to go back a couple of hundred more years.

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Our next newsletter will bring you up to date on all our members. In the meantime, please fill in your family form so that I will have the maiden names of all the wives.

"We Are One"

Beta Violette Lippe

*This page was sent only to non-members
to announce the reunion*



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Dear Violette Descendant,

It is with great pleasure and great enthusiasm that I now make the announcement of the third Violette Family Reunion. This reunion will be held in Van Buren, Maine on August 1 & 2, 1981. As many of you are aware, the first reunion held in July 1978 in Methuen, Ma. and the second reunion held in August 1979 in Augusta, Maine, were both very successful. There were 375 in attendance in 1978 and 550 in 1980. The numbers in 1981 will surely increase drastically.

The General Chairman for the 1981 reunion is Elmer Violette of 42 Violette St., Van Buren, Maine. The Committee is now meeting on a regular basis. Many exciting plans are in the making. At this time, it is not necessary to give you all the details. The purpose of this letter is merely to notify you of what is to take place. Please circle your calendar and perhaps plan next year's vacation to coincide with the reunion. I promise you that should you go to Van Buren, you will not regret it. You will share in an experience that will last you a lifetime. You will meet cousins from all over the country. Some you may have not seen in years and others you may have never even met. Most of all you will return to the cradle of the Violette family.

July of 1978 was also the beginning of the Violette Family Association. We now number 662 members from throughout the country and Canada. However, one need not be a member of the Association to attend the reunion. All that is required is that you do have some Violette in your lineage. Should you know other Violettes, tell them about this letter, perhaps give them a copy or forward their names and addresses to me: Rita Violette Lippé, 32 Louise Ave., Methuen, Ma. 01844. We would like to reach as many people in the Violette line as possible.

Several months from now you will receive more information concerning our next reunion. In the meantime, please do give it some thought and plan to be with us next August 1st and 2nd.

"We Are One"

Rita Violette Lippé

Rita Violette Lippé, President